

unemployed and backward *adivasis* and *haryans* of this area.

- (vii) **Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for early completion of development schemes under Decoit Eradication Programme in revine areas of Kanpur Dehat.**

[*Translation*]

SHRIKESRILAL (Ghatampur): Kanpur Dehat and especially adjacent areas of Yamuna ravine are very backward and there are no proper roads to go there. As a resuly, this area is economically backward and it serves as an ideal haven for anti-social elements. After doing anti-social work these elements find this place easy to take refuse and to abscond. Keeping in view all this the Government has approved some schemes for the development of this area and Decoit-Eradication Programme. But some of those schemes have not been started yet. For example roads from Amridha to Kadhari 2. Kadhari-Khatka Khartalal 3. Nagina to Bambrauli Ahrauli and Devrahit and 4. Kalpi road to Dasoolpur were approved but no construction work has started yet.

Therefore, I request the Union Government that construction work should be started as soon as possible for aforesaid roads so that the development work in this area could take place leading to economic progress of the people, and law and order problem of this area may also be solved.

- (viii) **Need to set up a circuit bench of Calcutta High Court at Siliguri, West Bengal**

[*English*]

SHRI INDER JIT (Darjeeling): Mr.

Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring the following under matters under rule 377.

The people of North Bengal which comprises the five districts of Darjeeling, West Dinapur, Malda, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar continue to face enormous hardship for want of a Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court in their region.

The litigants and the Bar Associations of the areas, have been demanding the establishment of the Circuit Bench at a centrally located place in North Bengal. The demand has also been focussed in the Annual Conference of the West bengal Lawyers Association since 1974. They have specifically pinpointed Siliguri as the most suitable place for the Circuit Bench.

Merit and justice demand that the proposed Circuit Bench be established in Siliguri, where about 50 per cent of the total cases of North Bengal pending before the Calcutta High Court have originated.

Siliguri, with a population of more than three lakhs is now acknowledged as the financial capital of the north-east of our country. It is well connected to rest of the country by road, rail and air. It has all the other infrastructure in terms of accommodation, medical educational and other facilities.

Last week, the Secretary of the Siliguri Bar Association along with a member of the Executive of the Association submitted to the Union Minister of Law and Justice, a memorandum staking claim for the establishment of the Circuit Bench at Siliguri. This claim is supported by the Bar Associations of Malda, Rajganj, Islampur and West Dinajpur and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of North Bengal, besides thWest Bengal Bar council and the Lawyers Association.

As the representative of those people in Parliament, I earnestly plead that a Circuit Bench be established at Siliguri, without